

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A coating device by means of which a water-soluble compound is applied to at least parts of an edge of a moving elongated workpiece (4), wherein said device comprises at least one device (1) for applying ~~[[a]]~~ the compound and at least two separate NIR ~~drier~~ driers (2) arranged ~~thereafter~~ after the device in the direction of movement of the workpiece; wherein lateral cooling plates (3) are arranged in a region of the NIR driers (2).

2. (Currently Amended) The coating device according to claim 1, wherein the NIR driers (2) can be aligned, ~~preferably can be adjusted in height and/or tilted.~~

3. (Previously Presented) The coating device according to claim 1, wherein the NIR driers (2) can be regulated depending on the application medium and/or the transport speed.

4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The coating device according to claim 1, wherein the device (1) comprises an application nozzle and a suction nozzle.
6. (New) The coating device according to claim 2, wherein the NIR driers can be adjusted vertically and/or tilted.
7. (New) The coating device according to claim 1, wherein the cooling plates are arranged to protect conveyor belts for conveyance of work pieces against overheating.